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DRIVER SAFE IN FIERY CRASH

A Penny for your Thoughts

Readers will recall we asked several mothers last week to express their opinions on the Beatles, so to present the other side of this little controversy, the Pennies photographer asked some teenagers the same question, "What do you think of the Beatles?"

Carol Jenison, 1739 Arlington Ave.:

"I hate the Beatles! It seems like I hear them every time I turn the radio on. I don't like their hairdo at all, and I don't like the way they act. I can't understand why they should rate so much publicity either."

Carol Johnson, 2709 Gramercy Ave.:

"I like the Beatles and I think their hairdo makes them what they are. I like their singing, and I think they are the biggest thing since Elvis. I will probably buy their records, too, and I will watch them on television."

Pat Meyer, 826 Kornblum Ave.:

"I think they are great! Not so much for their singing, but because of their gimmick — the hairdo. It makes them interesting. I saw them last week and I will watch the television for them again this week."

Candy Volen, 1724 Hickory St.:

"I think they are just as good as anyone else, if not better. I think they'll last just about as long as all the other popular teenage singers. No, I wouldn't like my boy friend to show up in a Beatle haircut!"

Alvin Sasuga, 20909 Avis Ave.:

"I think the Beatles are different. They cut their hair different. My sister plays their record album all day, and I think they are real great. They should go a long way."

Isen Guilty, Fined \$500, On Probation

Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, noticeably shaken by the decision, heard the verdict of guilty from a jury of seven men and five women Friday afternoon to climax a seven-day trial on misdemeanor drunk driving charges. He was fined \$500 and placed under one year of summary probation.

The jury's verdict was read in the hushed Compton courtroom after about two and one-half hours of deliberation.

"I am in complete accord with the decision of the jury since the evidence was quite strong," Judge John L. Landis said after hearing the jury's verdict. Judge Landis, brought to the Compton court from the Cerritos Judicial District for the trial, said the "position of the defendant and the example set by him on the night of the offense" had bothered him. Judge Landis said the offense was compounded when Isen "announced to everyone his high position."

IN HIS closing summary and again before passing of the sentence, attorney Richard Maher who had defended Isen argued that the position Isen held should not cause him "to be made an example of."

Judge Landis refused to lower the \$500 fine, saying Isen's position "is one which should encourage obedience to the law."

In addition to the fine and probation, Judge Landis limited the mayor's driving privilege, ordering that he may drive only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. for a period of 30 days. An exception was

made for nights the mayor must attend meetings of the City Council.

ATTORNEY MAHER had pointed an accusing finger at Isen's political enemies, saying someone had "boxed" him on the night of the accident, forcing him to slam into the bed of a truck parked on 228th Street just east of Petroleum Avenue. A double set of tire skidmarks in the area was cited to support the contention, but two residents of the area testified that the marks paralleling those of Isen's car had been there several days before the Oct. 10, 1963 accident.

Dept. Dist. Attorney Dick Smith, who prosecuted the case, scoffed at the "boxed-in" contention, pointing out that none of the witnesses mention a "mystery car" and that even the mayor didn't mention it until the next day.

Two motions for mistrial had been made earlier and a court reporter made a record of several days' proceedings. Isen's attorney indicated immediately after the session Friday afternoon, however, that no appeal would be made. Isen could not be reached yesterday for his comment.



OLD AMONG THE NEW . . . This tranquil scene can still be found among the hustle and bustle of a fast growing Torrance with a population past the 120,000 mark. The scene is only a short distance from the busy intersection of two main crosstown thoroughfares, Crenshaw and Artesia Boulevards. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)

Early-Hour Crash Burns One Vehicle

A Redondo Beach man escaped a fiery death early yesterday when his car slammed into a parked car on Pacific Coast Highway, knocked it 92 feet, and the vehicle burst into flames. The driver of the car escaped with a severely cut lip.

Traffic officers Robert Armstrong and James Weyant, assigned to the scene, said flames were shooting skyward from the burning vehicle and they first feared someone had been trapped in the car. They had been at the scene just a week earlier when a Torrance man died in a flaming vehicle.

THE OFFICERS reported that Clinton Lloyd Munroe, who lives at 1816 Marshallfield Lane, Redondo Beach, was westbound on Pacific Coast Highway when his car struck a vehicle parked at the curb near the Paseo de Gracia intersection. The parked car was knocked 92 feet down the highway by the force of the collision. It burst into flames and was destroyed.

The Munroe car was nearly destroyed by the collision, but the driver apparently received only the severe facial cut.

THREE PERSONS suffered

minor injuries in two separate accidents Thursday night.

Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital about 11:20 p.m. after a one car accident on Anza just south of Lenore was Tarrence Clifford Fuller, 20, of 3922 Cathan.

Two persons, both in the same car, were injured in a three car accident about 7:15 p.m. at 190th Street and Prairie Avenue. Peyton Delaney Carlson, the driver, and his passenger Lucile Carlson, both of Los Angeles, were taken to the hospital for treatment.

Drivers of the other cars involved were Norman James Chattaway, 32, Redondo Beach, and Nancy Joan Tallakson, 25, Lawndale.

Hahn Urges Display of Two Flags

Presidents of two nations will arrive in Los Angeles this week for an historic meeting.

Lyndon B. Johnson and Adolfo Lopez Mateos will arrive in Los Angeles Saturday to begin a three-day conference, the first meeting of the two since Johnson became President.

Both men will inspect the Mexican Art Display at the Los Angeles County Museum and attend an International Goodwill Program in the Sports Arena at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, in moving for approval of the goodwill program for the Sports Arena, urged all citizens to display the flags of the United States and Mexico during the visit of the two Presidents.

Drale, Vico Enter Race For Council

Councilmen Nick Drale and George Vico made it official this week by filing nomination papers for re-election to the City Council seats they now hold.

Others getting papers at week's end included Ivan W. Moore and James A. Bishop who said they would be candidates, and Mary Platt who took out papers for her husband, Joseph, a member of the city's Youth Welfare Commission.

Nominations must be filed by noon Thursday to qualify for the April 14 municipal ballot. Only incumbent not yet filing is Victor E. Benstead. He has taken out nomination papers.

ROGER SANDBERG WINS TOP CARRIER HONORS

Roger Sandberg, 1844 Marinette St., has won top honors for January as THE HERALD'S "Carrier of the Month."

Roger was selected from among the many boys who deliver THE HERALD each Thursday and Sunday because of "his high regard for his customers," according to circulation manager Darrell Wescott.

Wescott also said, "Roger has a winning personality and is doing an excellent job of learning modern business methods."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sandberg. Roger's hobbies are building model kits and wood finishing, and he has a strong yen for mechanical work and repairs his own bicycle and other household gadgets. He hopes to attend college after graduation from high school, but has not chosen his career.



ROGER SANDBERG

Principals Hear Plea for Added School Support

Dr. Max Rafferty, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, accused the Legislature of "playing politics with the children of California" Friday in an address to the Torrance Elementary School Principals Assn.

Rafferty declared all of the people of California should support education, "not just those who own real property." He called "the locked door session of the legislature at which the decision was made on the amount of the appropriation for education Machievellian on one hand, and Mack Sennett on the other."

The State Superintendent said the local property owner now picks up 65 per cent of the bill, while the state pays only 35 per cent of the costs of public education. "We need more money from the state," he said.

SPEAKING on the proposal for a county-wide tax to support school districts, Rafferty said it was only an effort to shift the burden from some districts to all districts. He expressed hope that Operation T.O.P.S., a petition drive to secure \$100 million in school funds from the Legislature, would be successful.

Rafferty devoted most of his short speech to the problems of financing education, but did comment on the proposal of Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh to consolidate the 8,000 school districts into 170 larger units.

He declared no superintendent could hope to adequately administer such large districts, "even if he spent every hour of his day in a jet-powered helicopter."

RAFFERTY called the proposal a monster and added, "This is bureaucracy gone mad, and the result will be 'Unruhly' education." School districts are being unified with all proper speed, he continued.

On the subject of education, Rafferty said it is not merely "phonics or Darwinian evolution, nor even learning to make use of one's maximum potential." He said the chief issue was the purpose of education and declared "There is such a thing as truth, and education must seek to find it."

During a brief question and answer session, Rafferty again expressed hope for Operation T.O.P.S., and called the county-wide tax plan a regression.



WORKERS NEEDED . . . Tom Quaggin, chairman for the Torrance residential phase of the March Red Cross campaign, and Mrs. Irene Ordaz, who has volunteered to organize a section of the house-to-house solicitation, post a sign in the Red Cross office at 1617 Cabrillo Ave., telling of the need for more workers. Quaggin says persons wishing to assist in the drive should call Red Cross at FA 8-0510 or TE 2-8321.

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